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From The Editor...



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"Your Novice ACCENT!"

Years ago, the ARRL published a pamphlet called "Your Novice Accent" It was a publication designed for those new hams that had either just upgraded or were in the stages of upgrading from the then existent Novice class license to a "higher class" ticket. The publication discussed the ways that the other, mostly CW type of operations were conducted, and gave the budding ham pointers on how not to sound like a total newbie on CW. It was a pretty good beginners operating guide, and we could certainly use it today. Most of the lessons there could be applied to voice operation also.

Unfortunately for us, this publication is no longer around.

Back in the day, we expected "Novice class licensee's" to not know much about anything, and that was OK. As you learned and progressed up through the ranks, you gradually lost the "Novice Accent" and joined the mainstream of Amateur radio. Now days, someone can go from zero to Extra in a single setting, having only memorized questions and answers on the internet.

Since there is no longer a real beginners license, we have been hearing some folks come on the bands with some very bad operating habits. This is mostly not their fault, rather it is a result of extended operating in other services that use other procedures and have their own lingo and style.

Please, if you are a relative newcomer to our service, do yourselves a favor and look over the ARRL operating manual or other such reference material. You will learn many things if you decide to read a bit. ARRL publications like the operating manual are in the W7DK library.

I know that it will take some time and involve actual study, but the rewards are worth the effort. Speaking only for myself, I enjoyed reading all about amateur radio when I was just getting into the service...

Of course this was way back in the dark ages before computers became so prevalent in our society.

Check it out! The W7DK Library is available to all club members and there are some items on the first floor in the landing library in addition to the extensive research collection on the second floor.

Radio Club of Tacoma

RCT Board Minutes

January 6th 2010

Board Members Present

President, Jill Palmer, K7JIL
Vice President Rick Rose, KE7EMW
Treasurer Joe Lester, K7AWJ
Secretary Ken Gibson N7ELF
Baord members:
Si Nelsen, KA7AQT
Gary McAdams, WG7X
Frank Palmer, AC7JY
Al Lentz, W7AML
Harry Adams, W7HSA

The Meeting was called to order by Club President: Jill Palmer at 7:07PM

MINUTES

Approve Previous Meeting minutes as coordinated and/or corrected...

CORRESPONDENCE AND CALENDAR:

From the Correspondence Log: Bank statements & QSL card(s)

CALENDAR ITEM:

Clubhouse open house there is a need to fill in 4th Saturdays. Larry KD4VOM will do 5th Saturdays

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joe K7AWJ

Financial Report: Si Nelson made a motion to approve ordinary and recurring expenses for the 2010 year. Harry Adams inquired whether library budget is included. Joe clarified that this is a budget issue.

Vote: All in favor No opposed.

Report: The Treasurer, Joe Lester, submitted the Treasurer's report, noting that \$9440.29 is the bank balance. Joe included a document packet for report which Included the monthly summary financial report for Dec 2009; and the annual un-audited financial report for 2009. the proposed budget and financial long range plan, and a memo concerning radio equipment insurance.

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The annual un-audited financial statement was referred to the Audit Committee by President Jill.

Joe requests that the budget be looked at and that the board come back and approve at a later date with changes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership Report Rick Rose KE7EMW

Rick Rose reported that membership is at 339 from 342.

Repeater Committee – Alan Lentz

Alan reported that there are 7 people on the committee. Nick Winter, Rich Patrick, Gary McAdams, Alan Lentz, Chuck AC7QN, Greg Glidden. Work continues on moving the repeater. The committee has discussed, but has not made any recommendation on the N7QHX repeater.

The committee will meet on a regular basis once per month.

They are also looking at possibly moving the Crawford Mountain repeater to a new site.

FACILITY REPORT - AL FERGUSON

The windows painting and blinds are finished. The crew started on lighting work. Installation of lighting on posts will require some trenching. They will look at coordinating this with other activities – grounding towers, drains, etc. Al provided Joe Lester with total requests for reimbursement of \$556.76.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Club Bylaws Review:

Three people will be reviewing the bylaws. Rodney Saucedo, Rick Rose, Pat WT7N.

Budget Planning: Status Pending.

Clubhouse Alarm System: Status Report - Rick Rick reported that the parts are ordered and will be here this week.

Salmon Run: Status Update - Harry – W7HSA/ Rick – KE7EMW Rick Reported that \$4858.82 in contributions has come in.

Equipment Loan Policy: Status Open – No change since the last meeting

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City Club of Tacoma Data Request: Status Report - Rick – KE7EMW - Not completed yet.

HF Antenna Down: Status –Update? NOT FIXED YET

RCT Repeater Committee: Status Update Al, W7AML

Dr. Murphy – N7QHX's 2 Meter Repeater Donation: See above
Repeater Committee

Membership Roster: Status -- Rick – KE7EMW.
W7DK at the Fair: Status Update? Jill in conversation, but position still open.

Mike & Key Ad for Booklet. A motion made by Ken Gibson to include an advertisement as presented by Larry Watson, for the Mike and Key Hamfest.

Vote: All in favor. No opposed. Larry will take care of getting ad in.

Jill has appointed Ad7EU Peter Baker as parliamentarian. Joe Lester will act as back up.
Larry updated on W7BUN estate. Some items obtained.

NEW BUSINESS – There were no new business discussion topics.

- RCT EMCOM & Pierce County ARES – Ken Gibson briefly presented information on ARES and RCT and ARES working more closely to coordinate emergency communication.
- Gibson informed the group that he would not be Program Chairperson effective 1/14/5
- Larry Watson is willing to work with Joe on a State of the Club presentation. Harry said there should be something for the new technicians.
- Steve Blacksten Radio Active April – last weekend in April, first day in May. He needed a budget of \$75-\$85. The hall is reserved. RCT was well liked last time. Alan Lentz moves that the board authorizes up to \$100 for Supplies & food for the Radio Active Weekend. All voted in favor. No opposed. Steve Blacksten was appointed to chair the event. Larry volunteered to assist.

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- Steve Blacksten wants to set up a general class – two days over a weekend, Weekend after Mike & Key. Joe Lester clarified that classes are done voluntarily.
- Gary McAdams echoed the same thought. Frank Palmer asked if Steve thought he was competent and confident to take on this class by himself. Steve said yes.
- Al Ferguson – City club advertises opportunities to do local things on their web site. He wants to work with Larry to get this done.
- Larry Watson: IRLP is down. It is believed that it is down for repeater work.
- Larry Watson asked about whether IRLP is available to non club members. The answer was yes.

Adjournment 8:30 PM

January 13th 2010 General Meeting Minutes

The 13 January 2009 Monthly Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building. . President Jill Palmer K7JIL called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

Officers and board members present:

President: Jill Palmer – K7JIL

Vice President: Rick Rose – KE7EMW

Treasurer: Joe Lester K7AWJ

Board Member: Frank Palmer – AC7JY

Board Member: Harry Adams – W7HSA

Board Member: Si Nelsen – KA7AQT

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached. There were 52 names on the attendance roster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was led by President Jill – K7JIL

INTRODUCTIONS:

Self introductions were completed and guests welcomed. There were several first time visitors and guests as well many new calls and upgrades reported. All were warmly welcomed and encouraged to participate in the many club activities.

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ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY: Tom Gayle KE7LDC reports he is doing well after a recent hospital visit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Rick Rose KE7EMW reports the current club membership count stands at 341 with several new memberships pending, and assuming last years members renew by the end of March. Rick also asked members to be patient and wait for the Club's annual renewal membership package to make their renewals.

VE Report: John Clarke – AC7WW provided the following VE report.

Twenty-one candidates were greeted by twelve Volunteer Examiners at the Radio Club of Tacoma clubhouse on Tuesday January 12, 2010. Thirty-one elements were grade with nineteen, being passed.

Thirteen new Technician class operators joined the ranks of the Amateur Service. Two candidates upgraded to General and four candidates upgraded to Extra. Two candidates did not earn an upgrade or initial license.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wooden Key Prizes: Steve Blacksten – AD7VL announced his donation of "Lincoln" type homebrew wooden straight keys to be awarded to the first three current members who sponsor two new members each by the end of February this year.

Mike and Key Hamfest: Jill – K7JIL reminded all of the upcoming Mike and Key Hamfest scheduled for the Puyallup Fairgrounds on 6 March. More information will be put on the W7DK.org web site.

General Class: Steve Blacksten– AD7VL is planning a General License Class and is looking for interested folks to sign up.

Technician Class: Steve Morton– AD7AB announced that there are already 7 signed up for the February 6/7 Technician Class. We can handle up to 20 for the class.

FYBO: Rich – KR7W announced this year's "Freeze Your Buns Off" contest which is held annually on the first weekend in February. The Radio Club of Tacoma swept last year's contest which is sponsored by the Arizona ScQRPions.

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Saturday, February 6, 2010, 1400Z-2400Z QRP HF Only. CW or SSB (5W max). Rich KR7W, Chuck AC7QN, Al N7OMS and other intrepid souls gather at Owens's Beach, Point Defiance Park at the picnic shelter to sock it to 'em...5 watt or less style....

Museum Special Event: Rich – KR7W reminded the group of the Straight Key special events that W7OS is participating in over several weekends at the clubhouse. They will try to use some of our vintage gear, but should that fail will move the club's HF station.

Straight Key Night: Rich – KR7W announced that all had a good time on New Year's Eve and the hard nosed critical judges awarded the first prize in the wooden key contest to Steve Blacksten AC7VL's "Lincoln" key.

PROGRAM: Tonight's program was presented by Larry – KD4VOM

Two videos were presented, the video produced in 2006 for the Club's Celebration of it's 90th anniversary, and the Radio Club Year in Review prepared for and presented at the 2009 Annual Awards Banquet.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Show and Tell: -- Rich KR7W suggested that we set aside a small session at each regular meeting for "Show and Tell" where folks could bring in some item of Amateur Radio interest to display or discuss. Bill – AC7QI stepped right up with his **homebrew 2 meter vertical antenna** designed to operate without the traditional "ground plane" often provided by the roof of a vehicle. Something that might operate on a fiberglass installation like a sailboat...While still in progress, Bill is working out the kinks and tuning required to get it in the band.

Haiti Earthquake: The 12 January major earthquake in Port Au Prince, Haiti was a topic of considerable discussion. The international amateur radio frequencies to be monitored and kept clear for emergency operations support were distributed.

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TUNING AND TRAFFIC:

Band openings: Recent contacts were reported with Taiwan, Ukraine, and other Russian areas. The Whiskey Group reports that Ollie's signal dwarfed Bill Wright's on their net. Ollie – AB7CC thanked Rich – KR7W; Chuck AC7QN and Steve for helping him with a recent antenna installation which seems to have contributed to his success.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm

VE REPORT John AC7WW

Candidates outnumbered the Volunteer Examiners seventeen to six at the Radio Club of Tacoma clubhouse. Tuesday, January 13 2009 was the smallest VE turn out I have ever seen. Twenty nine elements were graded, with eleven candidates passing element two, four passing element three, and three passing element four. Ten new Technicians joined the Amateur ranks, two candidates upgraded to General and three upgraded to Extra Class. Two candidates failed to earn an upgrade or an initial license. One candidate went from not having a license to Extra Class.

A nine year old young lady became an amateur radio operator by passing the Technician examination.

The next scheduled testing session is Tuesday February 10th, 2009.

Thanks to the following volunteer examiners for their time:

Harry, W7HSA
Jon , AD7AW
Rich, KK7VH
Jim, N7RHX
Mike, AD7TH

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GENERAL CLASS OPENING UP!

From Steve, AD7VL

General class will be March 13th and 14th at Twin Firs recreation rooms in the mobile home park across from Wal-Mart in Spanaway next to the Denney's. Class size will close February 6th 2010.

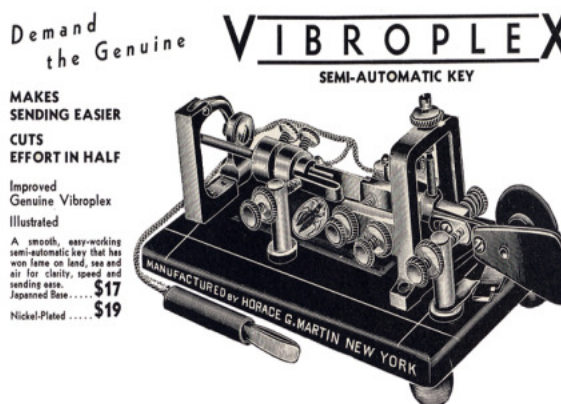
There will be no charge for the class; however students must have their own book. The class will be using the Gordon West book. Also; students must have a band plan chart, a highlighter, and a pre study guide.

Students will be required to fill out the pre study guide before taking the class which is why there is a time lag between class registration closing and the actual class.

Note: PRE- STUDY IS REQUIRED !! I will have books, band plans, and study guides available Saturdays and Wednesday meeting nights. Contact me at: 253 847 9884 or ad7vl@comcast.net

Additional Study material recommended is: The ARRL OPERATING MANUAL, and a calculator. Materials such as these are available from Steve AD7VL.

73 Steve.



JANUARY 2010 NET CHECK-INS FOR TUESDAY NIGHT NET

We here at The Loggers Bark continue to refine the process for the Tuesday night net check in lists. If you call was left out, we certainly apologize, and will make it up to you on the next publication of the newsletter. Our information is only as good as the net controls provides...

Look for your call, and if it is listed only once, then that means that you check in only one time for the month of January 2010. If there is a number next to your call, that is the total number of times that you had checked in.

Thanks for your patience and support!

AB7WJ 4	AC7BU	AC7JY 2	AC7QN 2	AC7WW	AD7AB
AD7AW	AD7EU	AD7FF	AD7QI	AD7SQ	AD7TH
AD7VL	K5EAF 2	K7ASQ	K7AWJ 2	K7DBU 2	K7JIL
K7HW	K7KHJ	KA6ZMT	KA7IOX 4	KB7QAG 3	KD4VOM 4
KC7OQN	KD7GEF	KD7MUG	KE7BAX	KE7EMW	KE7EWH 4
KE7LDC 2	KE7LDE 4	KE7NXM	KE7PFY	KE7PVZ 2	KE7ROF
KF7BAO	KF7BAK	KF7DWC	KF7FEB 2	KF7GBL	KF7HOA
KF7UF	KJ7XE	KK7QW 4	KK7VH	KR7W 2	N7ELF 2
N7JAJ 2	N7OMS 3	N7QOZ	N7YFE 2	W7CBY 4	W7EBF
W7EC 4	W7EXC 3	W7HSA 4	W7RQ	W7WG	W9BYH 2
WG7X 4	WV7O				

ERRORS!!

Due to an unfortunate error on our reports part, Phil K7APS was erroneously reported to have the call sign K7AYS.

We apologize both to Phil K7APS and William K7AYS.

Our reporter has been suitably disciplined... and the scars are healing nicely, thank you!

73 Gary WG7X

Chief Editor, Cook, and Bottle washer... Loggers Bark.

What is wrong with this picture?

From our “Whatchoo Talkin ‘Bout Willis?” Department...

A nice picture from Chuck illustrating the fine art of old-time radio repair...

Have you found the problem yet?



Happy Birthday

February

Day	Name	Call	RCT Number
1	Ollie Bond	AD7CC	2211
2	Gail Ferguson	K1GCF	2387
2	Gwen Roberts-Root	KD7NES	2085
5	Emily Watson	KE7QXC	2357
9	Joe Pavia	KD7LJ	853
10	Kory Batterman	WA7KLB	2405
10	Rich Manson	N7ANF	395
11	Doug Oakman	AD7AV	2141
13	Jeff Hewitt	KD7CTR	2435
14	Bill Phillips	KE7KJY	2319
14	Mark Terjeson	N7FIT	1655
15	Elaine Lyle	N7WGO	2291
15	Ken Gibson	N7ELF	2300
16	Dave Reed	WA5OK	670
17	Tabatha Hewitt	KE5EGG	2436
18	Gail Jasmer-Wilson	KE7PFY	2341
19	Donna Hathaway		784
19	Oliver Larsen	W7WIA	604
20	Perry Angiono	WB7NIL	2409
21	Pam Terjeson	KC7AZV	1686
22	Tressie Hughes	KC7BAL	1684
24	John Thomas	N7JFM	1232
25	Joe Baldassari	W7RQ	2115
27	Ed Root	KC7OKS	1879
28	Darrell Small	KE7ZYE	2400

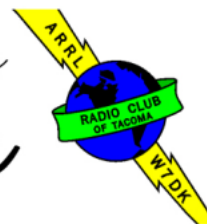
Happy Birthday

January

Day	Name	Call	RCT Number
2	Dan Hale	KC7IEI	1942
4	Dale Harding	K7DNH	2381
5	Red Mattison	WA7LON	668
6	Jeff Carter	W7WAL	2098
6	John Clarke	AC7WW	2140
10	Deanna Jenks	KE7ING	1458
11	Leonard Burstiner	KA7NWF	2308
11	Paul LeBlanc	K7AXJ	2125
13	Walt Parrish	K0RIH	1214
14	Ray Pedersen	W7KFN	1133
14	Stan Nelson	K7DKK	2311
16	Stephen Morton	AD7AB	2127
17	Marvin Wheeler	KG7V	638
18	David Andresen	W7HTJ	2430
18	Gary McAdams	WG7X	1249
20	Don Leonard	N3WN	2116
22	Mark Hendrix	KF7AXE	2412
22	Pete David	KK7QW	1935
22	Rick Rose	KE7EMW	2247
23	Bill Stephens	KD7KPV	2091
23	Damon Isaacson	KE7QWW	2358
23	Jean Wheeler	W7OII	653.2
24	Eric Skaggs	W7NNN	2408
25	Don Olson	W7DON	1397
25	Ian Haverluk	KE7TEV	2389
27	Stuart Reynolds	KE7YVB	2388
28	Bob Hagar	W7SKI	1395
28	Ed Littleton	KE7WPM	2376



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Radio Club Repeaters

Central Tacoma: 147.280 + PL=103.5 Central Tacoma Packet: 144.970

Crawford Mountain (SE Thurston County): 147.380 + PL=103.5

Central Tacoma: 440.625 + PL=103.5

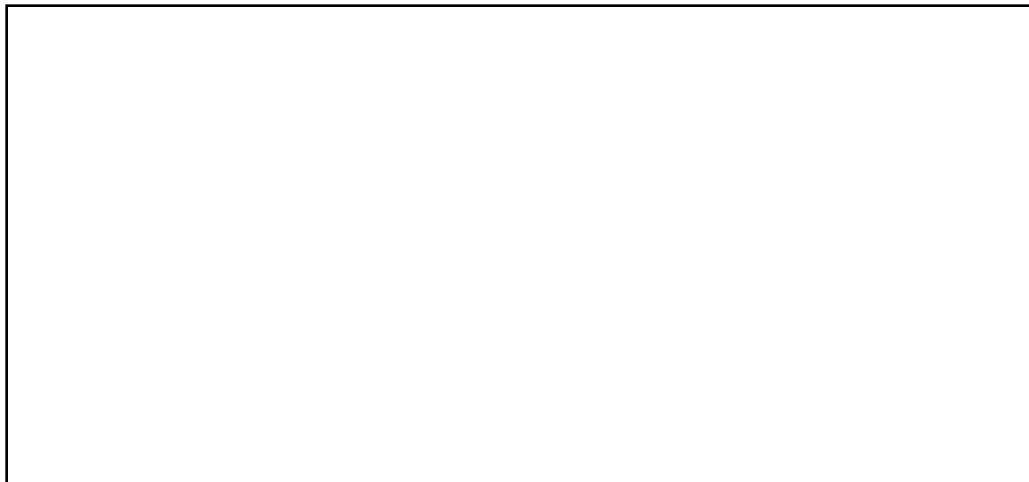
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To RCT Member:



JANUARY 2010 EVENTS

CLUB MEETINGS: Wednesdays January 13th and 27th at the Library Administration Building 112th and Waller Road. The club meets at 7:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

Board Meeting: Wednesday January 6th 7:00 PM at the RCT clubhouse. All members are welcome to attend .

Bark Deadline: Last week-end of each month. Please submit articles by that time!

Support our club: Attend meetings, volunteer, Elmer!

Check into the weekly two meter net: Tuesdays at 7:30 PM on the club repeater on 147.280 MHz.

Check into the weekly 10 meter net: Sundays at 8:00 PM on 28.375 MHz.